

House Resolution No. 4337

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clapper, treasured residents of Pierce City, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on July 7, 2007, with a festive celebration held at the Chapel of Grace in Monett; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on July 13, 1957, Francis Lee Clapper and Beulah Dean Maggard began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony in Miami, Oklahoma; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Clapper provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a stellar employee of General Motors for thirty-six years and mechanic for nine years, while Mrs. Clapper enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a waitress for twenty years, factory worker for twenty years, warranty and parts clerk for five years, editor of Loving Hands Grief Support newsletter, and volunteer at her church; and

Whereas, Francis and Beulah Clapper attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their five children, JoAnn Friend, Delores Butts, Billy Maggard, Norman Maggard (deceased), and Linda Williams; and their sixteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Francis and Beulah Clapper have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in a thunderous round of applause for Francis and Beulah Clapper upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them much peace and prosperity as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Francis Clapper.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Ruzicka
District No. 132

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4337, adopted July 30, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker